

Chief Kerlikowske was appointed to his position on August 14, 2000. Prior to this he was the Deputy Director of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) at the U.S. Department of Justice. He served as Police Commissioner in Buffalo, New York from 1994 to 1998. He began his law enforcement career in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1972. In 1985 he received a one-year fellowship from the U.S. Department of Justice to evaluate police procedures throughout the country.

Chief Kerlikowske holds a B.A. and M.A. in criminal justice from the University of South Florida in Tampa. He is a graduate of the National Executive Institute at the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

He was the 1990 recipient of the Gary Hayes national memorial award for innovation in policing presented by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). He served as the president of PERF from 1996 to 1998.